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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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Office of Congressional Affairs
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Susan:

I thought that you might like to see the
attached letter. It may have an impact on your
acquisition of legislative documents.

Sincerely,



David S. Addington
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Congress of the United States

Joint Committee on Printing

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March 14, 1986

Dear Colleague:

The sequestrations mandated by the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act (P.L. 99-177) for FY 1986, will have a substantial effect on the printing and distribution of Congressional publications. The Congressional Printing and Binding line item of the Legislative Branch Appropriations will suffer the same 4.3% cutback in funding as other areas of government. I regret to advise Members that these cutbacks will necessitate sizable reductions in the numbers of printed copies of the Congressional Record, committee prints, hearings, and other types of Congressional publications. The Joint Committee on Printing intends to protect and preserve the tools necessary for the proper functioning of the legislative process and has attempted to make these reductions as painless as possible.

Although the details of implementation of many of the necessary reductions have not been finalized, the following list of actions should be expected in the near future:

-- The delivery of copies of the Congressional Record to Members' residences, either by GPO messenger or by mail, will be eliminated.

-- The number of Soil Surveys, prepared by the Department of Agriculture for distribution to Members, will be cut in half.

-- House Business Calendars will be reformatted. Full information will be printed once each week, with only updates printed daily.

-- The numbers of copies of both House and Senate Business Calendars will be reduced by approximately one-third.

-- The numbers of documents, bills and reports available from the House and Senate Document Rooms for Congressional distribution will be substantially reduced. The general premise will be that such copies will be available only to Members and staff of Congress. The public will be referred to the GPO bookstores to purchase desired items.

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Authorization for overtime work for GPO employees detailed to work with Congressional committees will be drastically reduced, and possibly eliminated.

-- The format of committee reports will be standardized to eliminate non-essential introductory matter.

-- Legislative Calendars produced by committees will be standardized and printed only once, at the end of each session of Congress, rather than quarterly or bi-annually as is now the case.

-- The number of copies of the daily Congressional Record delivered to committees will be drastically reduced.

-- The numbers of copies of committee hearings and committee prints will be cut by at least one-half. Again, copies delivered to committees should be only for the use of Members and staff of Congress. The general public should be referred to GPO to purchase copies.

-- The process by which committees may order additional copies of hearings and committee prints through the Joint Committee on Printing will be changed. All such requests must be made and justified, in writing, by the requesting Chairman.

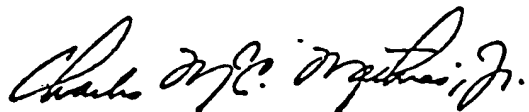
Members should note that these changes are necessary to meet specific dollar figures mandated by Gramm-Rudman-Hollings just for Fiscal Year 1986. Further, more substantial cuts may be anticipated for Fiscal Year 1987, beginning in October. All Members can help ease these cuts if efforts are made to reduce costs in other ways. For example, the costs of preparing and printing each page of the Congressional Record are substantial. Withholding extraneous, non-legislative matter from the Record could save a great deal of money. As a further example, committee chairmen could instruct staff to be more conservative on the formatting, types and amounts of materials included in committee hearings. The Committee will shortly convene a briefing for staff to further expand upon this matter.

In addition to the above-mentioned changes, the committee will continue to work towards identifying efficiencies that will achieve additional savings and cost avoidances. We will seek ways in which technology can be applied to the printing process, both at GPO and in Congressional offices, to expedite publishing while reducing costs. We will welcome any suggestions that you may have toward these ends.

Sincerely,



Frank Annunzio
Vice Chairman



Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
Chairman

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TO : D/OCA		CONTROL #	DATE OF REQUEST 21 March 1986
FROM : 		SUSPENSE DATE	
SUBJECT : Computer Bill Service			
NOTES <p>As you will recall, in mid-January we sent forward a proposal to contract with Washington-on-Line to receive their information retrieval system called the "Bill Text Tracking System". advised us to take another look at it after the company had input all the information into the computer, so we have set up an appointment for another demonstration on 1 April and also plan to see other products available.</p> <p>Since the beginning of the second session I have had all bills we need (one copy only) picked up by our couriers from the House and Senate Document Rooms within a week after introduction. This has worked very well in terms of timeliness. However, we just received a letter from the Joint Committee on Printing saying that because of Gramm-Rudman only Members and staff will be able to get documents from the Document Rooms. ^{beginning in April} All other customers will have to purchase publications from the Government Printing Office bookstore. We have a three-four week delay in getting bills we already purchase from GPO through Acquisitions. Hence, a new urgency into acquiring an on-line bill service for our office. (copies of memos attached)</p>			
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